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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6535**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 133

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 10, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Children's Mental Health Task Force.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Breaux

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Children's Mental Health Services Collaboration Task Force. The bill requires the Task Force to submit to the Legislative Council before July 1, 2005, a comprehensive plan for individuals with a mental illness who receive special educational services.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill creates the Children's Mental Health Services Collaboration Task Force which is charged with developing a written comprehensive plan for local delivery of services to individuals who receive or need childhood mental health services. The Task Force consists of 12 members appointed by the Secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration after consultation with the Director of the Department of Education's Division of Special Education. The Family and Social Services Administration is required to provide staff for the Task Force.

The bill provides for the payment of a per diem and the reimbursement of travel expenses for members of the Task Force who are not state employees. The per diem for Task Force members as established in the budget bill, P.L. 291-2001, is \$50 per day. Any additional costs from providing the staff support and the required per diem and travel expenses of the Task Force members should be minimal and can be absorbed in the existing FSSA budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Family and Social services Administration, Division of Mental Health; Department of Education, Division of Special Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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